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ONE NIGHT.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.
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The Society Event of the Season!
THE YOUNG AMERICAN ACTRESS,
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BLACK SILKS—Duchesse
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Blankets at 49, 59, 69, 79, 89, \$1.19
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or T. Penwell, 121 East William street.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meet-
ing of the stockholders of the Decatur Plumb-
ing and Heating Company will be held at their
office on Monday, March 1, 1897, at the hour of 2
o'clock p. m., for the election of officers and the
transaction of such other business as may come
before said meeting. H. ELWOOD, President.
O. W. DAWSON, Secretary.
Feb. 8-97

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Why His Birthday, February 12, is Be-
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memorated in All Sections
of the Country.

(Special Letter.)
The glorified of any nation are they
who have made illustrious their coun-
try by words or acts which merit the
crown of immortality. Ingratitude is
by no means the characteristic of any
people, but rather do they hold in cher-
ished recollection, generation after
generation, such as may have earned
the noble distinction. Americans are
assuredly not wanting in their duty to-
wards those sons who have honored
their land by contributing most to



LINCOLN IN 1857.

wards its glory and renown. Their
names are household words, their mem-
ories are precious, and those who are
most distinguished have special days
set apart for commemoration of their
services in behalf of the great republic.
As Washington bears the proud dis-
tinction of "Father of His Country,"
so Lincoln has the scarcely less honor-
able designation of "Preserver of the
Nation." His almost superhuman ef-
forts to perpetuate the union of the
states it would be difficult to overesti-
mate. Called to the office of chief mag-
istrate at a time when human pas-
sions glowed like flames in a three-
heated furnace; finding valorous and
formidable foes in front and treacher-
ous enemies in the rear, he assumed
control of affairs with undaunted main,
and a resolute purpose to confirm na-
tional unity at any cost and at any sac-
rifice. Not the punishment of transgressors
nor the punishment of transgressors
was his supreme thought, but the main-
tenance of a single government, "of the
people, for the people and by the peo-
ple." To this end he was ready to
yield up all things save honor and to
stretch national credit to the limit of
endurance.

A man of most tender sympathy and
jealous for the preservation of human
life, virtues so expressed that they be-
came weaknesses, willingly, in the ex-
ercise of executive clemency towards
individual offenders, he still realized
that much blood would have to be shed
and that many thousands of human be-
ings must be sacrificed in order to the
consummation of the object so dear to
his heart.
Modest, as true greatness ever is, at-
tentive to wise counsel and receptive of
good advice, still was there never man
less moved of senseless clamor, or of
unjust demand for executive favor.
When, following the calamitous cam-
paign of the summer of 1861, impatient
agitators insisted that all slaves should
be set free, he remained firm as the
adamantine hills in his set purpose to
consider, first, last and all the time,
the preservation of the autonomy of the
government. With ineffable decision
he declared that he was ready to main-
tain it with slavery, if it must be so;
or with partial slavery, if things so
turned out, but that the one obligation



MEDALLION OF 1860.

was paramount and everything else
must yield to it.

The victories of Forts Henry and
Donelson, Shiloh and Roanoke being fol-
lowed by successive defeats of Mc-
Clellan in Virginia his master genius
saw the ripeness of the time for the
breaking of human shackles, and he
made formal announcement of his pur-
pose, in September, 1862, to emit a
proclamation of emancipation. Once
this document was promulgated, he
was equally loyal and unrelenting in
his purpose to make the freedom of
the slaves a positive condition to
restoration of peace and order in the
land. Sternly as his gentle nature
would permit did he rebuke those
would-be peace-makers who urged him
to rescind the glory-laundered paper of
January 1, 1863. Fervidly and eloquent-
ly he declared that never again should
human slavery exist anywhere within
the borders of the land; nor did he rest
from his labors to this end until the
victory was assured.

Too great that he should be overcome
of partisanship, he was ever eager to
second rights to those who sought to
overthrow the union, and at all times
expressed a readiness to show magni-

animity to a foe he was morally sure
must ultimately be overcome. Until a
late period of the war he stood ready
to give compensation to owners for
their slaves and to accord amnesty,
full and complete, to all who had drawn
sword against the government, and
who had fired at the flag. Unyielding
as he was in his demand that the re-
volting states should return, obedient,
to the fold, and with the loss of their
human chattels, he was, nevertheless,
most gentle in his persuasions and
most generous in his proffers of full
and free forgiveness of all who had
erred and strayed away. In all the
land there was no more true friend of
the south than this man who had com-
passed its overthrow, all the energies
of his nature being exercised towards
the assumption of the memories of strife
at the time when the bullet of the as-
sassin removed him forever from
earth and its solemn duties.

The character of this remarkable
man stands out in added luster with
the passing of the years, and the con-
sequent obliteration of prejudices that
were born and nourished of partisan
or political bias, and without substan-
tial foundation, in fact. A native of
the south, of humble parentage, he
grew up to manhood with but the rud-
iments of an English education, and the
greater portion of the morning and
noon of his eventful life-day was
spent on the frontier, where society
was rude and undisciplined. Yet at 23
he was captain of a brave band of de-
termined soldiers; at 25 a member of
the legislature; a congressman at 36,
and at 49 a successful contestant
against the illustrious Douglass
in the hotly and skillfully con-
tested tourney of the forum. Two
years later the suffrage of his people
made him ruler of all the land, and
never did potentate bear honors more
modestly or human king achieve such
priceless victories as "the railsplitter
of the Indiana and Illinois forests."



BUST MADE IN 1867.

Rugged as the oaks of his native
woods, his tall and unattractive form
concealed a heart that was ever touched
with the spirit of his fellow man's in-
firmity. Keen and ever keen was his
sense of humor, yet in his being was an
undercurrent, deep and broad, of in-
finite pathos, a sorrow that sometimes
bordered on tears, and which, after the
awful tragedy of his end, seemed to be
a saddened forecast of his untimely de-
mise. Yet with sublime selflessness
he sought to conceal the bitterness of
his own sad spirit. When the clouds
were darkest in the southern sky and
the hearts of unionists were most cast
down, his were the cheery words which
gave hope to the despondent and en-
couragement to the timid. Upon his ve-
ry shoulders rested the infirmity of all;
yet no groan broke from him because of
the weight of his burden. In patience
he submitted to the errors of incompe-
tent generals; without repining he
heard the reproaches of his country-
men. Faithfully, loyally, unflinchingly,
he concentrated every energy upon the
great issues before him, strengthened
and nerved to his purpose by the sub-
lime patriotism, which so thoroughly
permeated his nature. Himself sprung
from that class of people whom he was
pleased to call "plain," he thoroughly
understood them as they understood
him. Their appreciation of and confi-
dence in him he never doubted, while
their unflinching, loyal support afford-
ed him solace and strength in all the
hours of his country's peril.

True to himself he lived; loyal to his
word, earnest in his purpose, justly dis-
cerning what was right, vigorously re-
jecting what was wrong, his strong
good sense and superb judgment never
led him astray. Made chief of his party
and his people in the greatest hour of his
country's peril he was equal to every
emergency called forth by the strifes of
a thousand fields of contest. So, too, he
met and overcame the non-combatant
enemies at the north and lived until all
the foemen of his dear land were finally
overcome, going home while the glad
victor shouts over a redeemed and saved
country were ringing in his ears.

A generation has passed since Lin-
coln was gathered with his fathers, and
in the added light of the years that
have passed he is seen as he should be
seen and known as he should be known.
Now no section can lay claim to him,
but all portions of the land, former foe-
men as well as the defenders of the flag,
unite in paying homage to the infinite
genius of the man, whom no reverses
could cast down, but whose loyal heart
remained inflexibly true to its single
purpose of preserving the union which
the revolutionary fathers had sealed
with their own precious blood.

WILLIAM ROSSER COBBE.

Terre.
Wallace—I notice that Hargreaves
isn't wearing his diamond.
Ferry—No. He pawned it last week.
"I wonder what he got on it?"
"Drunk."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense
of smell and completely derange the
whole system when entering it through
the mucous surfaces. Such articles
should never be used except on prescrip-
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damage they will do is ten fold to the
good you can possibly derive from them.
Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains
no mercury, and is taken internally, act-
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surfaces of the system. In buying
Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the
genuine. It is taken internally and
made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney
& Co. Testimonial free.
Sold by Druggists, price 75c per
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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Long Distance Telephone company
opened its office in Peoria Tuesday, and
those invited conversed satisfactorily with
McKinley at Canton, as well as with
New York and the eastern cities. The
service was excellent, the voices being
heard as distinctly as if only a few miles
away.

Constipation in its worst forms, dys-
pepsia, sick headache, biliousness and
derangement of the liver are readily
cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers.
These little pills never gripe. Small
pill, safe pill, best pill. A. J. Stoner &
Son and Armstrong Bros.

The latest, or earliest, snake story comes
from Hoopston, where Joseph Jones
claims to have found a bull snake forty-
two inches long, crawling in the snow
near his barn.

Minutes seem like hours when a life
is at stake. Croup gives no time to send
for a doctor; delay may mean death.
One Minute Cough Cure gives instant
relief and insures recovery. The only
harmless remedy that produces immedi-
ate results. A. J. Stoner & Son and
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It is said that some ice has been put up
at Spring Lake for the club house at that
place, which is 22 inches thick; thus far
this is the thickest of the season, but at
Peoria they cut 18-inch ice, which is as
thick as can be conveniently handled.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped
hands and lips. Healing for cuts and
sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain
at once. These are the virtues of
DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J.
Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

A strong attempt is to be made by the
members of the legislature from Sang-
amon county to consolidate the supreme
court at Springfield.

All the different forms of skin
troubles, from chapped hands to eczema
and indolent ulcers can be readily
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the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son
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W. B. Kunkel, aged 14, deaf and dumb,
an inmate of the deaf and dumb asylum
at Jacksonville, fell from the gymnasium
gallery and was killed.

A weed in the garden can be easily
destroyed when it first starts. Con-
sumption can be nipped in the bud by
One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner &
Son and Armstrong Bros.

In Peoria they claim that a flock of rob-
ins made their appearance Wednesday
morning and seemed quite at home in the
shrubbery in the suburbs.

A torpid liver means a bad complex-
ion, bad breath, indigestion and fre-
quent headaches. To avoid such com-
plaints take DeWitt's Little Early
Risers, the famous little pills. A. J.
Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Two hundred wagon loads of corn were
delivered on Monday in the little village
of Greenville.

Owing to hard times the price for shell-
ing corn about Mackinaw has been re-
duced to from 80 to 90 cents a hundred
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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS
SICK HEADACHE
Positively cured by these
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They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia,
Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A per-
fect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsi-
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Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They
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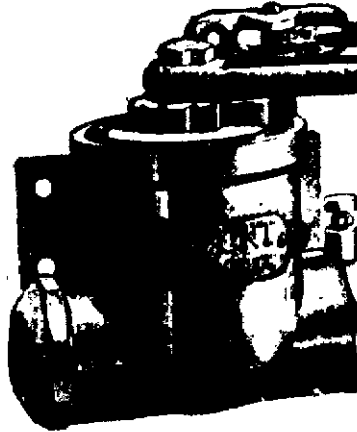


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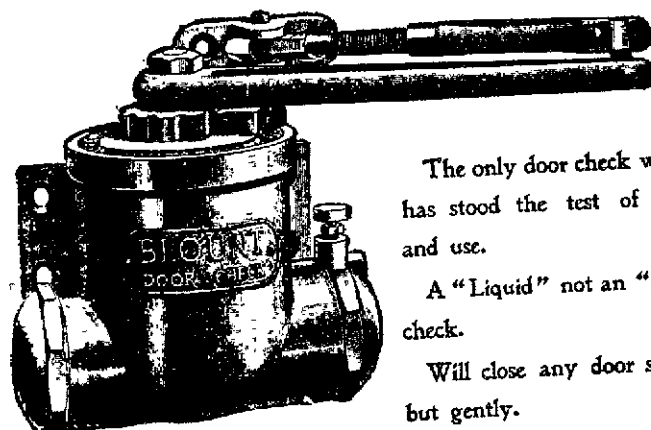
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LOCAL NEWS.

John Perl bought a handsome team of white horses at St. Louis a few days ago. The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. —Oct 21st

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant. —Oct 21st

The Leonard assembly dance will be given tonight at the Armory.

Ladies' felt slippers, 50c at Foirath & Hardy's. —26-d&wt

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Little Diana cigar: business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodak's News House. —14-dtf

The Decatur Turners will give a grand ball on Wednesday night, Feb. 17, at the Turner hall.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

On Tuesday Lem Scott will go to New York City to take the leadership of the Primrose & West negro minstrel band.

The Pullenwider truss cures rupture. For sale by the Cerrodan Co., 21 Syndicate block. —Jan 16-dtm

About two inches of snow fell Sunday night. The big snow plow had to get out early this morning to clear the street car tracks. All branches except Edward street were open by 7 o'clock.

Lost—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

There were thirty teachers from the country in the office of County Superintendent Kuller Saturday taking the first of a series of five examinations that are held each year.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Iun Culp, the old reliable seedsman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp. —1-d&wt

A German woman from the northeastern portion of the city was arrested Saturday evening for stealing a pair of shoes from the Lion store. She was released on her own recognizance, and today she was taken before Justice Hardy for a hearing.

Mrs. Frank Tracey, who had resided in Decatur for several years, died at her home in Chicago on Saturday. She is survived by her husband and one daughter. The body was taken to White Pigeon, Mich., for burial.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 483, new phone 485. M. F. Metz. —21-dtf

The changes that take effect on the Wabash Sunday noon February 7th are as follows: The fast eastern express that left at 10:20 p. m. will leave at 11:20 p. m., arriving at New York and Boston same time as formerly. Train that arrived from Springfield at 10:05 p. m., will arrive at 10:40 p. m. St. Louis local that arrived at 9:10 p. m. will arrive at 8:58. Train No. 6 "The Fast Mail" that leaves here at 5:28 a. m., will be a flag stop, at Sidney thus enabling the traveling men to make Sidney, Homer, Fairmont and Catlin in early morning. Train No. 10 leaving here at 7:40 a. m. for Chicago will arrive at Chicago at 1:10 p. m., ten minutes earlier than formerly. —6-2t

\$2.00.

For the above prices we will sell the finest shoes for ladies to be found in Decatur. See them in our window. Foirath & Hardy, stylish and reliable foot fitters. Sign at the old cobblers. —26-d&wt

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We will do dyeing and fine dry cleaning at reduced prices for the next thirty days. Now is the time to have your suits of clothes or overcoats dyed, cleaned and pressed by first-class, practical dyers and dry cleaners. You get the best work done in the city at Miller's Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 North Main street.

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Will make Whiter and Better Bread than any flour made. Try one sack. Ask your grocery man for it, or call up 550 and we will see that you get a sack of the best quick.

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PHONE NO. 550.

WILL OPEN TO-MORROW.

The Farmers' Institute and Exhibit of Grain and Produce will begin at the Court House Tuesday.

The second annual meeting of the Macon county farmers' institute will open tomorrow afternoon at the court house. The sessions will be held in the circuit court room. At 1:30 o'clock Rev. W. H. Penhalligan will make the opening prayer which will be followed by singing, the music being in charge of E. R. Moffett, Frank Muirhead and Samuel Hopkins. The president, W. H. Bean, will make an address and the principal discussion will be led by W. T. Moffett on the subject, "What are the Most Profitable Crops in Diversified Farming." On Wednesday morning there will be a discussion led by W. H. Bean on "Farm Management," and Mrs. R. A. Judy will read a paper on "How to Make Money Raising Poultry." In the afternoon there will be papers by F. S. Jack, Dr. J. F. Reid and President John W. Cook of the Normal University. In the evening there will be songs, reading and music. On Thursday T. C. Grady, Prof. E. A. Gastman, W. H. Fincher and Mrs. L. H. Thomas will read papers.

One of the main features of the institute and one which is a new venture is the exhibit of grains and produce which will be made by the farmers of the county. The committee in charge of the exhibits is composed of David Wellogg, John Walker, S. C. Davis, E. R. Moffett, Charles French and George Betzer. The exhibits will consist of corn, wheat, oats, clover, apples, potatoes, butter, bread, cakes and other farm produce. They will be arranged in the corridors of the court house. Some of the farmers have fine specimens which they will enter. First, second and third prizes have been offered by the institute besides the special prizes. All articles must be raised or manufactured by the exhibitor. Butter made by creameries and bread made by bakeries will be barred. The awards are to be made at noon on the second day of the institute and on the third day the exhibits will be sold at auction.

FOUND DEEDS FOR A TOWN.

Old Papers Discovered that May Give Title to Jeffersonville, Ind.

William Litt of Arcola, was looking through some old family relics in a "coat-off" trunk which had been stored with numerous other articles in the attic of his mother's house, recently when he discovered a number of deeds for tracts of land in Indiana, drawn in favor of his father, Demarcus Litt, long since dead. The deeds, three in number, call for three 10-acre tracts of land located in Jennings county and near the site of the present city of Jeffersonville, Ind. They are printed on sheep skin and, notwithstanding the fact that the documents all bear dates of August, 1838, are well preserved. The papers all bear the government seal and are signed by ex-President Van Buren.

Mr. Litt says neither himself nor mother knew of the existence of the papers. As near as the location of the land can be figured, according to the description in the deeds, is believed that a good portion of the realty is covered by the city of Jeffersonville.

Legal assistance has been employed by the Litt heirs and a strong effort will be made to recover possession of the property. —Tuscola Journal.

The Voice of the People.

Editor, Republican: Dear Sirs—It is really amazing to note the unselfish and marvelous activity of those who have never shown any enterprise in regard to the city's prosperity or its development, especially where it involved a contribution, entering their protests against the removal of the public library to quarters as much superior to the present location as a palace is to a ruckery thrown together by such means as the exigency of the occasion required. The thorough draft afforded by the many openings from west to east and north, besides the opening which admits the light in the center of the building from the second floor to the ceiling will keep the atmosphere cool and pure.

But they say it is next to the roof. Yes, and so is the Decatur club room. But no one ever realized that the heat of the sun-shine upon the roof never penetrated the rooms. Those who refer to the heat occasioned by the rays of the sun on the roof imagine that it will be like the attics in houses which they live. On the contrary the roof in the Powers building is a massive structure that will not generate heat under it, but on the contrary will be kept cool by the air drafts from four floors.

It will be away from the dust and noise and catch the unobstructed breeze from the west which generally prevails—as well as from the southwest, without the excessive heat of the noon day sun.

Children will not be put in a freight elevator, but in a cage of the most approved make and in which they will be as safe as in their mother's arms.

Those who speculated as to the result of a fire, should have added, and suppose we were to have an earthquake, and the walls were to collapse, the people, if there happened to be any there, would fall four stories.

It appears that the center of the reading population of Decatur is located north of the Wabash railroad. I wish to ask if this takes in Maroa? But aside from this, it is dreadful to contemplate the danger that attends the children who are obliged to cross the deadly railroad tracks at any point on the Wabash road.

passing through Decatur. And particularly so when they are going and coming from the library. Those who are so disturbed about the danger of the street car tracks should devote all their energy and influence to the subject of having the Wabash tracks running through Decatur put under ground. Not above ground for the trestle might give way, thus causing serious results.

Decatur, Feb. 5.

Let the Contract.

A special meeting of the city council was held Saturday evening and the contract for the carpenter work on the patrol house was let to Barnett and Keith for \$250. R. E. Boles had made the lowest bid but he refused to go into contract with the city so it was necessary to give the work to the next lowest bidder. Another matter which was brought up at the meeting was a resolution to the effect that any changes to be made in the ordinance for laying water pipes on North Main street and the curfew ordinance be referred to the ordinance committee. The resolution was passed. The committee have not yet decided on the date when the curfew ordinance is to be passed, the members having neglected to state the time when the ordinance was in their hands.

At The Grand.

A view of the bull ring in the city of Cordova, the ancient Moorish stronghold, is shown in Rosabel Morrison's production of "Carmen." It was in that city that the national sport received its greatest encouragement from the Haidagos.

Rosabel Morrison as Carmen.

The Boston Journal says of Rosabel Morrison's production of "Carmen": "The production is perfectly managed in every detail, and is elaborately staged. The applause was liberal at the end of each act, the audience seemingly fascinated by the witchery of the picturesque Carmen and hardly a sound was heard while she was on the stage. The audience was large and a prosperous run is assured." Miss Morrison comes to the Grand Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Comedy To-Night.

Hoyt's "A Temperance Town" comedy will be seen at the Grand tonight with Canby in the principal role. The company is the best.

The Woman's Political Club.

Saturday afternoon the Woman's club for Political Study held a meeting at the city council rooms. Hereafter meetings will be held every two weeks.

Mrs. Underwood addressed the club on parliamentary usage. She spoke on amendments particularly and gave the women a number of good ideas to take home with them. The Cuban question, Spanish losses, new educational law and curfew ordinance were all talked about. Mrs. C. A. Murphy acted as secretary in the absence of Miss May Murphy. Talks were made by Mrs. Bobb, Mrs. Scanlan, Mrs. Hadenhausen and Miss C. A. Murphy. The meetings are full of interest to the ladies and they conduct the discussions of topics with far more gusto than they did when they organized during the campaign.

Prohibitionists' Meeting.

There will be a special meeting of the Prohibition club at the city council room on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at 7:30. It is earnestly hoped that every member of the club will make a special effort to be present, as business of importance will come before the meeting. Let every one interested in the cause come and bring his friend with him. The county conference will be held on the 19th and this will be the last meeting for deciding on definite plans. O. N. Stewart and others will have charge of the county meeting and give addresses afternoon and night.

A Card of Interest.

To your pocketbook, a very essential item at the present time; investigate its benefits by calling for one at the Pearl Oyster and Fish company, who at all times handle the very best of what the market affords by a specialty house, prepared to cater to the trade desiring everything fresh and wholesome. For this week we offer you in this line: Rod snapper, black bass, croppie, pickerel, blue fish, halibut and cod fish, lobster, mackerel direct from their native swimming grounds, trout, white herring, Pearl Oyster and Fish company, telephone 344.

Taken Sick in Church.

While attending service yesterday morning at the First Methodist church, Mrs. Isabel Martin was suddenly seized with an attack of illness. The lady was unconscious for some time and a physician in the congregation was called to give her medical attention. She was taken to her home on South Water street.

Death of Mrs. Mallerne.

Mrs. Sadie B. Mallerne died of consumption Saturday at her home on West Main street, aged 25 years. She leaves a husband and one child. The funeral occurred Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s. —Jan 29-d&wt

The members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First Methodist church will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. C. Armstrong, No. 809 Prairie avenue.

ROBBERS CAUGHT. — J

Two Young Men Cleverly Captured—Tried to Break Out of Jail.

Early Sunday morning Captain Muthersbaugh and Officers Armstrong and Holser made a clever capture of two young men named George Stanton and Harry Johnson, who turned out to be wholesale burglars and desperate characters. Marshal Mason had received a tip that a value thought to contain stolen goods had been left at the depot express office for shipment to Chicago by suspicious looking young men. The case was turned over to Captain Muthersbaugh. He got a description of the parties and soon located them in a room in the Union road lodging house near the depot. Both were arrested. Each had a 38-calibre revolver under his pillow, but the officers by quick action got the drop on them. They were searched. They had a variety of valuable articles in their possession—watches, jewelry and trinkets, some with the initial "P" on them, and others with the numbers scratched off. They had a jeweler's tool for doing the work. In the value at the depot were watches, jewelry, tableware, a lady's shawl, a fur cap and a lot of valuable goods apparently taken from the house of some wealthy man. Both men had money. They were placed in one of the iron barred cells in the city prison. Later the officers learned that the home of Mr. Plank at Champaign had been entered by burglars Friday night and that a lot of goods had been stolen, followed by the thieves blowing open a safe and then setting fire to the house. Mr. Plank and his family have been in Ohio on a visit and are still absent. Marshal Mason on Sunday had a talk by telephone with Marshal Michaels at Champaign, and soon learned from the description of the goods stolen that the parties under arrest in Decatur were the men who had stolen the Plank goods. Michaels and State's Attorney Miller of Champaign county, were in Decatur Sunday. They identified the prisoners as having been seen hanging around Champaign several days and it was also easy to identify the goods. Michaels took the two men to Champaign this morning.

Sunday night Stanton and Johnson made an attempt to break jail. They got hold of a piece of scantling that a whitewasher had left on top of the cell where the prisoners were confined, and the marks on the short piece of wood shows that the young men had pried desperately at the steel bars, hoping to loosen something and get out of jail. It was needless work. They couldn't budge a single bar. The scantling is in the office of the chief of police.

The Champaign authorities will see that Stanton and Johnson receive the limit of the law.

IT IS TIME TO MOVE.

Decatur Urged to Go Into the Cramp Corn Stock Business.

It is said in the newspapers that J. G. Hartigan of Chicago, assistant general superintendent of the Illinois Central system, has written to the organization of business men at Decatur, urging them to make some move toward the establishment in that town a factory for the utilization of the corn stalk. So far as the Gazette knows the organization has not yet acted on the matter. The Gazette has already contained a brief account of the desire of Mr. Cramp, the Philadelphia shipbuilder, and now Champaign people are pretty familiar with the movement. While Mr. Hartigan has sent no invitation to this city to try its luck in getting a factory located here for the manufacture of the material mentioned, it is more than likely that the commercial association, at its meeting Tuesday evening, will put some sort of movement on foot. This is a matter which should attract the attention of every citizen of the town, and an investigation, at least, should be made into its merits, and that at the earliest possible date. —Champaign Gazette.

Tasteful.

This morning Attorney A. H. Mills received a business letter from J. W. Rud-dleston, who is located at Los Angeles, Cal. He closes by wondering how Mr. Mills can live in Decatur while at "Los Angeles we have new potatoes and ripe strawberries every day in the year. And then William Schroll, Mr. Kinney, William Traver and I sit in the shade in the park every day it is not raining."

Death of a Child.

Icey Mel, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Florey, died Saturday at the family residence at Osmer, aged 8 months. The funeral was held from the North Fork church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Snow flurries this afternoon; partly cloudy; cooler tonight; Tuesday, fair; fresh westerly wind.

There is a man in Atchison, Kan., whose name is Finsbury. It is a wonder that some one has not sent him to McKinley.

Tom Watson says Bryan lacks pathos. Of course he does and he lacks a great many other things which are essential to greatness.

An exchange suggests that the governor of Nevada may nominate himself to some extent by refusing to permit the football game to be played in his state.

The average free silver orator who in-
 fested the streets during the campaign did
 not come out ground hog day and of
 course did not see the sun shine.

Some man who evidently is a free sil-
 verite predicts the world will come to an
 end March 7. In that case Bryan will
 not live to engage in the second battle.

William M. Springer in 1893 wrote a
 book entitled "Tariff Reform the Main
 Issue." This leads us to enquire: Where
 was William and his book in the late
 campaign.

An Alabama girl after shooting a fel-
 low twice married him. This indicated
 that Spain may possibly succeed in induc-
 ing the Cubans to lay down their arms by
 butchering women and children.

Governor Bushnell thinks he is not in
 politics for his health, but he should re-
 member that many a man has violated the
 laws of health unwittingly but that
 fact did not operate to ameliorate the re-
 sults.

The judges of the supreme court of
 Florida draw straws for chief justice.
 The law provides this plan and it is not a
 bad one either where only one political
 party is permitted to exist.

The St. Louis board of health has re-
 commended that the use of horse flesh
 should be discontinued as food. That is
 all well enough but if St. Louis does not
 hang Deustrow they might as well go on
 eating pig chips.

There have been a great many civic fed-
 eration movements in the United States
 but they all fail because the good citizens
 who enter such movements, enthusiastically,
 soon tire of giving their attention to
 politics and fatal lapse follows, with un-
 erring certainty.

Jack Cade fought his first battle with
 lath and was killed in a field by a farmer.
 Bryan fought his first battle with wind.
 He was not killed by a farmer but was
 defeated by them, and was thus left to
 kill himself by writing a book.

The anti high theatre hat ordinance in
 Chicago has done its work. The law
 went into effect last week and the result
 is that the high hat which obstructs the
 view in the theatre has been banished.
 The fact is such an outrage upon human
 rights ought to have been corrected with-
 out the necessity of forcing it by law.

Some people cannot understand how
 Senator Dubois failed of re-election in
 Idaho when the state went for free silver.
 It is easy. Dubois left the Republican
 party to consort with Democrats who said
 they were in favor of free silver and those
 Democrats left him. All he has to do
 now is to reflect and the more he does of
 it the less good it will do him.

General John B. Gordon at the battle
 of Gettysburg found General Barlow of
 New York wounded and apparently dying
 on the field and detailed men to care for
 him. He supposed Barlow died. In 1864
 General James B. Gordon was killed at
 Yellow Tavern, Virginia. Barlow sup-
 posed it was the same officer who had
 cared for him at Gettysburg, so each
 thought the other dead and both were
 surprised, a few years ago to meet each
 other in New York. So it seems the for-
 tunes of war are too great for finite minds
 to grasp.

It has been said that when the electoral
 vote is opened to be counted objection will
 be raised to counting the electoral vote of
 South Carolina on the ground that that
 state does not enjoy a Republican form of
 government. No one will dispute the al-
 legation but the state that refuses equal
 rights in this government will sooner or
 later reap the whirlwind and South Caro-
 lina is fit to fair way to garner that kind
 of a harvest. Let her alone she will prob-
 ably never again be in a position where
 her vote will determine the result, and
 then she has a commission on shade trees
 which hides some of her sins.

Wall Deustrow Ever Hang?
 For three years the legal validity of
 his laws have been engaged in an effort

to defeat the ends of justice in the case of
 Deustrow. He is a murderer and villain.
 He killed his own wife and his own child.
 It was not necessary to prove that he
 committed the crime. There was no
 effort even to throw doubt on that fact.
 It was a diabolical crime for which there
 was not the shadow of excuse. Justice
 demanded that he should be promptly
 tried, convicted and sentenced. The
 crime was committed three years ago and
 still he has not paid the penalty of his
 crime. He had money. His money em-
 ployed attorneys and the attorneys em-
 ployed every device admissible in law to
 turn him loose upon the public unpun-
 ished. These are the things that disgust
 the public. Had he been poor he would
 have been hung long ago. It is unfortu-
 nate, as has been clearly shown in this
 case that the practice in our courts has
 been perverted so that justice may be per-
 verted in the name of law.

Woman Suffrage in England.
 Chicago Times-Herald: A great vic-
 tory was scored by the advocates of wo-
 man suffrage in the passage on its second
 reading by the English house of commons
 of the bill granting women the right to
 vote for members of parliament. The
 vote of 398 to 157 seems to be decisive and
 indicates that it will be but a short time
 before women enjoy equal privileges with
 men at the ballot box in England.

With the typical disregard for facts
 which marks British parliamentary dis-
 cussion of foreign politics, Charles Rad-
 cliff Cooke erred when in his speech in
 opposition he declared that in Wyoming
 and Washington laws granting women
 the franchise had been repealed. In
 truth, women still vote in Wyoming, as
 they have done since 1870, and we have
 never heard of any serious movement to
 deprive them of their right. Mr. Cooke's
 mistake in regard to Washington is prob-
 ably due to the fact that the law passed
 in that state was declared unconstitutional
 by the territorial supreme court.

As a matter of fact, while the cause of
 woman suffrage in this country has met
 with some rebuffs recently in the east,
 New York having refused it in 1894,
 South Carolina in 1895 and Massachusetts
 in 1896, woman suffrage is constantly
 gaining ground. In Colorado, Utah and
 Wyoming women have full suffrage and
 vote for all officers, including presiden-
 tial electors.

But in some form, mainly as to taxa-
 tion or the election of school officers, wo-
 man suffrage exists in a limited way in
 Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indi-
 ana, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts,
 Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebras-
 ka, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North
 Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South
 Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Washington and
 Wisconsin.

In the English colonies women enjoy
 limited suffrage, including Australia,
 New Zealand, Cape Colony, Canada and
 parts of India.

Whenever the women of any state or
 nation have been united in their desire to
 gain the franchise they have usually won
 it, and the fact that English women,
 who take more interest in politics than
 any other women, seem to desire suffrage,
 is a good indication that they will get it
 before long.

With nations as with individuals, a wo-
 man can get what she wants if she tries
 hard enough.

Prairie Mail,
 George Davidson has been busily em-
 ploying a number of teams putting up ice
 last week, Charles Lambert of Casner,
 furnishing the ice.

Mrs. Sarah Trulock and Miss Martha
 Tobill were shopping in Decatur Wednes-
 day last.

Mrs. King of Decatur, is spending a
 few days with her daughter, Mrs. Daisy
 Davidson.

The whooping cough in this vicinity
 has subsided and the little folks are again
 attending the public schools.

Vera, the little daughter of Mr. and
 Mrs. Frank Weidner, is quite ill with ton-
 silitis. Dr. May of Mt. Zion, is attend-
 ing her.

Orpha Risk returned Friday from Indi-
 ana where he has been spending the win-
 ter with relatives and friends.

Charles Gifford went to Decatur Friday
 from this place.

Little Flo Davidson has been quite ill
 but is much improved now.

Delmar Belden and Will Davidson trans-
 acted business in La Place Saturday.

A number of our young people are at-
 tending the series of revival meetings now
 being conducted in Dalton City by Rev.
 Myers. They report a grand success,
 there having been about forty conversions,
 and numerous accessions made to the
 church.

George Davidson was the victim of a
 complete surprise on his birthday, Wed-
 nesday, Feb. 3. He had just completed
 arrangements for a business trip to the
 city, but was hastily summoned to the
 house, where he was seized by friends and
 before he could realize what had happened
 found himself seated in a handsome desk
 chair, a gift from his wife. Among the
 present were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hopkins
 of Mt. Zion, Mrs. Ella Boudles of Deca-
 tur, Mrs. Debbie Davidson and Mrs. Wm.
 King, also of Decatur. The guests num-
 bered about thirty.

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 Pocketbook. Money-Saving in every item.

36-inch Check Suitings, all wool and the latest colorings, such as
 heliotrope, blue, green, etc. 25c yard
 38-inch Covert Cloth, broken Checks, Vigoroux, etc. These goods
 are all wool and worth 55c yard, for 35c yard
 100 pieces of Wool Fancies. This lot is the product of one of the
 best American manufacturers, for 40c yard
 27 pieces Dark Colored Novelties, Spring weight. These goods are
 very nobby and ultra stylish, for 65c yard
 Persian Brocade, Vigoroux, Covert Cloth, Checks and hundreds of
 other Foreign Novelties, the majority of which are our own im-
 portation, for 75c yard

Our Black Goods Department

In running over with clever attractions, styles and prices the same satis-
 factory kind. In fact everything which is pretty and destined to be pop-
 ular, at our well known bed-rock prices.
 Etamines and Grenadines, in Mohair and Wool, and Silk and Wool,
 Light Weight Crepons, Large Figured Brilliantines, Wool Jacquards,
 Poplins, Empress Cloths, Clay Serges, Etc., Etc., is a partial list of
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 every fancy.
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 cienne are some of the latest creations in Black Silks to be found
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Maggie Veils, in large and small dot, plain and fancy weaves. Colored
 dots in all the new shades. All the new shades in Heliotrope and Green.
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 and White, etc. A most complete line of New Spring Embroideries.

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 manufacturers of these goods. The "Star and Crescent"
 Mills Co. are the acknowledged leaders in this country.
 Colors are guaranteed absolutely fast. We quote a few
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 Fancy Bibs, Mattress Protectors, Flesh Towels, Complex-
 ion Towels, wash Dusters, etc. This week we offer
 One case Fine Bleached and Unbleached Towels at 5c each
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The new super-silk finish Surah
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Carpets...

New Spring Styles showing all the latest
 and best colorings and designs are now
 ready to be shown. If you contemplate
 the purchase of a new floor covering don't
 fail to see our line.

Buttons for Spring.

More popular than ever. We in-
 vite your inspection of our very
 comprehensive showing of Pearl
 and Metal Goods.

1897 Wash Fabrics.

We are slow to assert a supremacy of which we are not
 sure, but here are such goods as we never knew before,
 such as we believe never before have been presented to
 the Decatur trade.

They're Organdies, Dimities and the like—though they don't look like
 it—and they have strange names. They seem to have spent a year
 in foreign lands and come back to us improved almost beyond recogni-
 tion. We have many exclusive designs—the prettiest prints of bud and
 bloom and spring and spray. Some of the weaves have a web-like appear-
 ance; some almost look like Open Embroidery work. We mention a few
 of the fashionable Fabrics—French Organdy, Irish Dimity, Tissue Mo-
 zambique, Tissue Brodi, Tambou Fantaise, Etamine Dentelle, Rae d'Or,
 Lappet Mull, Linen Fancies, and Silk and Tissue. To see these
 dainty Fabrics and Stylish colors is to admire them. This week we
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50 pieces Fine Organdies in all the latest printings at 15c yard
 One case Chiffon Stripes—some surprises in fancy prints at 12 1/2c yd

See Wash Goods Window on East Main Street.

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500 dozen Ladies' Wrappers, embracing all of the latest
 Foreign and Domestic Wash Fabrics, made up of this
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 pers in all the latest
 colorings and new com-
 binations. Westaw back,
 with new cap sleeves,
 trimmed collar and cuff,
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Ladies' Wrappers, in
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 Made up in the very
 latest styles. Trimmed
 over shoulder and across
 back. Shirred front and
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 skirt.....
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 pers, new sleeve and
 collar; perfect fitting;
 cut full skirt and strap
 back; a new effect.....
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Ladies' Wrappers, in
 Light and Dark Fancies,
 made up especially for
 this sale. New sleeves
 and fitted lining. In all
 sizes.....
 OPENING PRICE.....60c

White Goods.

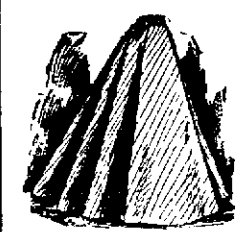
Our 1897 White Goods display surpasses all of our pre-
 vious good showings. The markets, both foreign and
 domestic, have been scoured for the latest and cheapest.
 Our patrons must be the judge as to how well we have
 succeeded. Our line consists of French Organdy, Paris
 Muslin, Nainsook, Long Cloth, Jones' Cambrics, and a
 most complete line of Fancies.

We start the Spring season with these special attractions:
 50 pieces Plain and Fancy Stripes, Dimities, Swiss and Nainsook,
 all at.....10c yard
 100 pieces India Linon at.....5c yard
 50 pieces Fine Indian Dimity at.....18c yard
 20 pieces Leno Stripes, Checks and Fancies at.....12 1/2c yd

Ladies' Skirts for Spring.

Three Specials—

We place on sale this week 100 Ladies' Figured Bril-
 liantine Skirts. Made up by first-class Men Tailors.



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 Sweep and New Back. A saving of 50
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 goods sell as high as \$10.00 each; your
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We offer you
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A beautiful line of TABLE
 DELICACIES, including a full
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 New Vegetables.

We are receiving daily all
 the NOVELTIES OF THE
 SEASON in our line.

Especially mention our new

BLOCK ISLAND

BLOATER MACKEREL....

Both fresh and salt.

To lovers of this kind of
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te Open Embroidery work. We mention a few
French Organdy, Irish Dimity, Tissue Mo-
Tambour Fantaisie, Enameled Dentelle, Ras d'Or,
and Silk and Linen Tissues. To see these
ish colors is to admire them. This week we
in all the latest printings at..... 15c yard
re some surprises in fancy prints at..... 12 1/2c yd
ls Window on East Main Street.

and Opening of

Spring Wrappers.

Wrappers, embracing all of the latest
stic Wash Fabrics, made up of this
e our exclusive styles.

Ladies Wrappers, in
all the New Patterns.
Made up in the very
latest styles. Trimmed
over shoulder and across
back. Shirred front and
fitted lining. Extra full
skirt. Opening Price..... \$1.25
Ladies' Wrappers, in
Light and Dark Fancies,
made up especially for
this sale. New sleeves
and fitted lining. In all
sizes. Opening Price..... 69c

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sents. The markets, both foreign and
n scoured for the latest and cheapest.
be the judge as to how well we have
e consists of French Organdy, Paris
Long Cloth, Jones' Cambrics, and a
of Fancies.

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y Stripes, Dimities, Swiss and Nainsook,
..... 10c yard
..... 5c yard
Dimity at..... 18c yard
Checks and Fancies at..... 12 1/2c yd

Skirts for Spring.

ls—

this week 100 Ladies' Figured Bril-
made up by first-class Men Tailors.
Perfect Fitting, Percale Lined. Full
Sweep and New Back. A saving of 50
per cent. on each garment.

The \$4 value we give you your choice
at \$1.38 each.
The \$3 value we give you your choice
at \$1.49 each.

The \$2.50 value we give you your
choice at \$1.25 each.
Also a lot of 50 Skirts in all Fancy
Mixtures and Black Novelties. These
goods sell as high as \$10.00 each; your
choice at \$1.49 each.

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outed to Decatur shoppers. We will
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Buttons for Spring.

More popular than ever. We in-
vite your inspection of our very
comprehensive showing of Pearl
and Metal Goods.

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Our Flour Sale

WAS A GRAND SUCCESS,
having sold a carload at \$1.00
per sack, to the benefit of our
customers.

Friday and Saturday

we will offer you 100
cases of choice

Tomatoes,

Full standard size, at the low
price of

7 1/2c Per Can.

Every can guaranteed to be
equal in quality to the 10c
goods.

Remember this sale is for
two days only.

Our Meat Department

IS FIRST-CLASS, with prices within your reach.

Yours, with Up-to-Date Groceries and Meats,

BECKWITH
Grocery House and Market,

Powers' Building, 124 South Water Street.

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WANTED...

YOUR

Old Gold and Silver.

Highest Market Price in Merchandise at

Lowest Cash Value.

W. R. Abbott & Co.,
JEWELERS.

TO CLOSE...

BIG LINE

Heavy Gloves and Mitts.
Heavy Underwear.
Heavy Socks and Mittens.
Heavy Skirts and Stockings.

Don't be deceived by BIG ADS. Our
expenses are small. We can and will
meet ANY COMPETITION.

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

SAID IN FUN.

Cholly—"I met that girl face to face
last night." De Gruffe—"How did she
stand the shock?"—Town Topics.

"If you kiss me again I will call
mamma." "Well, I don't mind; she is
still a young-looking woman."—Town
Topics.

His Favorites—"Grumpy, don't you
like the old songs the best?" "Yes;
those that are so old that they're for-
gotten."—Detroit Free Press.

"They always call a girl by her first
name in the west. Westerners are so
free and frank." "Yes, and then, too,
a girl's first name is the only one you
can always be dead sure of out there."—
Detroit Journal.

A More Serious Case.—Mrs. Watts—
"Isn't it a good deal of annoyance to
get your meals at such irregular
hours?" Hungry Higgins—"The irreg-
ular hours ain't so bad as the irregular
days."—Indianapolis Journal.

First Amateur—"There is such a dif-
ficult scene in the second act." Second
Amateur—"What is it?" First Amateur
—"The hero tells me that he never loved
until he met me, and I have to look as
if I believed him."—Trib-Bits.

"I shall hold him in sweet remem-
brance," said the potentate of Bucklo.
He could hardly have done otherwise.
Even at home the young missionary
had been spoken of as one of excellent
taste.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Well," said the absent-minded and
new arrival in Hades, as he mopped his
perspiring brow, "there's something to
be thankful for down here, anyway.
Folks won't always be yelling at me to
shut the door."—Baltimore News.

Fuddy—"I wonder that the Speltons
do not get along together better than
they do. Everybody used to say they
were made for one another." Fuddy—
"Him? So? Well, that's partly true. I
know she made for him the first time
she saw him."—Boston Transcript.

TOLD OF ROYALTY.

Queen Victoria has conferred the
Royal Order of Victoria and Albert
upon the empress of Russia, who has re-
ceived the first class, and upon the
duchess of York, to whom the second
class has been given.

Russia's czarina, a worthy grand-
daughter of Queen Victoria, is fighting
the practice of sucking tobacco preva-
lent among the women at the court.
She is also said to have shut down on
her husband's allowance of cigarettes.
She is also said to be not so well liked
as she was.

It is reported at Berlin that four
royal engagements will be announced
this month: Prince Christian of Den-
mark to Princess Pauline of Wurtem-
berg, Prince Max of Baden to Princess
Feodora of Schleswig-Holstein, the
Hereditary Prince of Wied to Princess
Ingeborg of Denmark and Prince Al-
bert of Schaumburg-Lippe to Duchess
Elsa of Wurtemberg.

Some idea may be formed of what the
Russian emperor has to go through by
the fact that the ceremonies connected
with his coronation eight months ago
have not yet come to an end. Recently
his majesty held another reception at
the winter palace to receive the con-
gratulations of more representatives of
his faithful subjects. Several hundred
persons were present, comprising 155
different deputations.

WOMAN'S WORLD OF FASHION.

Feathers are lavishly used in hair-
dressing; also stiff bows of lace em-
broided with iridescent beads or
spangles.

The divided pompadour is considered
a very becoming style, and, with the
soft rolls of waved hair on either side,
is a pleasing fashion for those whose
face it suits.

There is a steady demand for hosiery
with black ankles and feet and colored
tops. The hose are for the most part
ribbed, and some of them have open-
worked stripes.

Black and white is extremely fashio-
nable, and some of the black and white
brocades are exquisitely beautiful.
Made up with a large mass of white
satin, they are the most elegant of
dresses.

One of the most elegant opera cloaks
is made of moire brocade. It is in blue
and gray, and is lined with gray satin,
with an interlining of eider flannel. It
has a collar, cape edging and bands
down the front of gray fox fur.

Perfectly straight plaits down the
fronts of dress waists are becoming to
but very few people. There is always
a much more satisfactory effect if the
plait is slightly gathered or drawn in.
It narrows the front and makes more
graceful lines.

MEN OF LETTERS.

For a socialist, and a leader among
them, the late William Morris left a
somewhat inconsistent fortune—over
\$200,000.

Mr. William Sharp, the English critic
and author who recently made a short
visit to this country, is very kindly dis-
posed toward American writers, and
makes a point of always giving their
work prompt and careful reviews.

The news comes from London that
"a poet" has been discovered working
in a rubber factory in the East end and
that "certain benevolent persons" have
arranged to take him from the factory
and give him three years of study.

Ibsen and Tolstoi, having begun to
pall on the Parisian public, translators
have brought forward a more northern
and even more realistic literature from
Lapland and Finland, the chief expo-
nents of which are two novelists named
Paivarinta and Runberg.

There are many penalties pertaining
to fame. Capt. Mahan, who modestly
asserts that he is not an orator, has
been overwhelmed with invitations to
banquets, receptions, etc., since he won
international recognition as an author,
and wherever he goes he is called upon
for a speech. He has a graceful and
pleasing delivery, and much personal
magnetism.



TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers,
have another of their popular EXCURSIONS
TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH,
when they are selling so much of
their choice cheap lands near Houston
and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level
prairie, most of them new and rich, have never
had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper
and better lands, better terms than any one and
can take exchange in on some of them. Write
us or circulate. We also do a general exchange
business; have land to exchange for stocks of
goods, goods to exchange for lands. In fact can
fit you with almost any kind of a trade. Espe-
cially notice their circulars on the country across
the bayou from Galveston. Write us or call and
see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ill.
BOLEN & LANNING.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

MYRTLE SISTERS—Regular meeting of
R. Myrtle Temple No. 2, Bathbone Sisters,
this (Monday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock, sharp,
in new R. of I. Hall, Powers Building. Visiting
members cordially invited. CORRA DILLIE,
HUNT, M. of R. & C.

DEMANDS INVESTIGATION.

Wants to Find Out About Iowa Treasury
Deficit.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 8.—In the
house Chairman Funk of the ways and
means committee, offered a resolution
this morning for a committee of five to
investigate the receipts and expenditures
in all the state departments for the last
biennial period to discover, if possible,
the cause of the state treasury deficits of
\$400,000. The resolution caused much
excitement in official circles.

McKinley Busy To Day.

Canton, Feb. 8.—This was one of Mc-
Kinley's busiest days for some time.
Visitors arrived on almost every train
during the day. Among the early call-
ers were H. H. Kobsant of the Chicago
Times Herald, and T. A. Dewees, edito-
rial writer on the same paper. Dewees
would like to be minister to Mexico.

G. M. Reynolds of Des Moines, recently
mentioned for comptroller of the cur-
rency, arrived this morning, but said he
was not seeking and does not expect office.
He was in the east and stopped to see Mc-
Kinley on his way home.

R. B. Higby and W. R. Pearson of St.
Louis, called on McKinley and presented
the claims of Major Warner for a place in
the cabinet.

Immense Purchase of Print Cloth.

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 8.—M. C. D.
Borden of New York, today purchased
three quarters of a million pieces of print
cloth and regular weaves, the entire stock
of regular goods in this city. This may
break the agreement for the curtailment
of production by manufacturers.

Dies at the Age of 90 Years.

Mrs. E. F. Rourke, grandmother of
Mrs. Ed L. Lax of this city, died at noon
today at her home in Jacksonville, aged,
90 years. Deceased lived in Jacksonville
seventy-five years and was the mother of
the first baby born in Jacksonville. At
the time she lived in a log hut and the in-
fant child was quite a sight for the In-
dians. Mrs. Lax leaves tonight for Jack-
sonville to attend the funeral.

A torpid liver means a bad complex-
ion, bad breath, indigestion and fre-
quent headaches. To avoid such com-
plaints take DeWitt's Little Early
Risers, the famous little pills. A. J.
Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Two hundred wagon loads of corn were
delivered on Monday in the little village
of Greenville.

In Peoria they claim that a flock of rob-
bers made their appearance Wednesday
morning and seemed quite at home in the
shrubby in the suburbs.

Owing to hard times the price for shell-
ing corn about Mackinaw has been re-
duced to from 80 to 50 cents a hundred
bushels.

WANTED—Carpenter, mason or woman; one
competent to take charge of agents pre-
ferred. For interview address J. W. KANAT-
SHER, City P. O. transient.

**INFANT HEALTH
SENT FREE**
A little book that should be in every
home. Issued by the manufacturers of the
Gail Borden Eagle Brand
Condensed Milk
N. Y. Condensed Milk Co.
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PILSNER

Is the
Best
BEER For
Table Use.
Telephone 84.

A DRAW CARD.

We want to make THE PRICES a draw card at our
store this week, to reduce stock.

OUTING FLANNEL at 6 1/2c.

10 pieces on sale worth 10 and 12 1/2c, at 6 1/2c yd.

KID GLOVES at 98c.

15 doz. assorted colors of Kid Gloves, worth \$1.50, at 98c

20 pairs Soiled Kid Gloves at 39c pair.

LADIES' SHOES AT 98c PAIR.

50 pairs of Ladies' Button Shoes (odd lots) worth \$1.50

to \$2.00, at 98c pair.

LADIES' GOWNS AT 98c.

10 doz. Ladies' Muslin Gowns, worth \$1.50, on sale at

98c each.

TRAY CLOTHS AND SPLASHERS AT 19c.

One Lot Linen Tray Cloths and Splashes, worth 30 to

50c, at 19c.

DRESSER SCARF AT 39c.

Linen Dresser Scarf, worth 50c, 75c, 85c, cut to 39c.

MEN'S WOOL OVERSHIRTS AT 75c.

Reduced from \$1.50 and \$2.00 each.

Boys' Percale Waists (Ruffled) at 25c; worth 50c.

Ladies' Dress Skirts, nicely made, velveteen bound, at \$1.98.

AT JOHNSTON'S... 151 N. Water
Street.

YOU...

Will yet need Heavy Clothing.
The coldest part of the Winter
season is still to come. You
cannot afford to freeze when
you can buy clothing at such
remarkably low prices as we
sell them.

Our prices are as low as the
Lowest. We do not ask you to
take our assertion for this. Look
elsewhere first, come to us, and
then let your judgment solve
the question.

B. STINE CLOTHING CO.,

245-249 NORTH WATER ST.

NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS.

NOW OPEN.

Finest Equipped
Photographic Studio
in the State
outside of Chicago.

...SLEETH...

Room 522 Powers' Block.

Vienna China Dinner Set...

116 PIECES.

Close Retail Price, \$25.

Placed on sale Monday, February 8, and will be Reduced One Dollar Each Day until sold.

Special Sale This Week. FINE CHINA PLATES.

We are quoting unheard-of prices and are showing some beautiful goods.
Please notice Prices in our Front Show Window.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

We're After Money!

So hard that any little consideration as to the actual value of the goods must not stand in our way. For instance there is our fine line of HANAN & SONS' Men's Fine Shoes in Enamel and Patent Leathers, never sold for less than \$6.00 before. Now come around and get one pair or as many pairs as you want at only \$5.00 per pair.

Prices Are Knocked Silly,

And remember all the time that these shoes which we are offering at such low prices are up-to-date in style, well made, desirable, nothing the matter except that the sizes are somewhat broken. If we can fit you we can give you a bargain such as you read about in old times but seldom see nowadays. Our ladies' handwelt shoes, dongola, vici kid sold for \$3.00 per pair and were cheap at that, now marked down to \$2.25. Ladies' hand-turned vici kid shoes, regular \$4.00 grade, and well worth that price of anybody's money, now only \$2.65 per pair. Ladies' \$2.50 vici kid shoes, in all the new toes; these shoes have been the talk of the town at the price—more appearance, style, good material and workmanship than you could get for the money anywhere else—now you can buy one pair or as many pairs of them as you want for only \$1.95 per pair. Proportionately low prices on all men's shoes.

Now Is the Accepted Time!

Now is the time to invest. If times seem tight that is all the more reason why you should save money in your purchases of footwear. We invite you to come. Hurry up while you can be sure you will be fitted. Come and save yourself rich.

F. H. Cole Shoe Co.

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

HEADACHE CURED

FOR 10 CENTS

KING'S DRUG STORE,

By using Dr. Hamilton's Headache Tablets.

Cor. Main and Water Sts., Opposite Linn & Scruggs.

LOCAL NEWS.

Burke's White Pine Balsam, coughs, colds, Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St. Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee. Joe Ray of Emery, was in the city today.

Leonard Assembly dance this evening at the Armory. Hon. J. R. Eden and Attorney Walter Eden of Sullivan, were in the city today. You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but—

Ladies' felt slippers 50c at Foirath & Hardy's.—20-dwt Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kook.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dwt Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent cigar, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 ct. Take the Vandalia-Pennsylvania for Washington, D. C.; reduced rates for the inauguration.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

A trial will convince you that Irwin's harmless headache powders are the best.

The rapid sale of Irwin's Kola Celery compound is evidence of it being a superior preparation.

Men, do you know that you can buy a pair of Edwin Clapp's \$7 enamel oiled shoes at Foirath & Hardy's for \$5.—8-dwt

The promised drop of 20 degrees in the temperature Sunday night didn't come. It was snowing in Chicago and in Decatur at 7 o'clock last evening.

Hon. W. G. Cochran of Sullivan, department commander Illinois G. A. R., was in the city today on legal business and bound for Springfield to resume his legislative duties.

Kirby May is again in jail for drunkenness. He was recently at the poor house. City life was too rapid for him and drink got him in jail and he is now on the way to another of many sentences for vagrancy.

The certificate of the incorporation of the B. S. Tyler & Co. grain firm was filed today. Barton S. Tyler, Thomas A. Bone and Frank L. Evans are the members of the firm. Capital, \$15,000. Tyler and Bone each own sixty shares; Evans, thirty shares.

Saturday night a large audience was at the Grand to enjoy the "Monte Cristo" play given by James H. O'Neill and his excellent company. No other actor can approach the excellence of Mr. O'Neill's work as Edmund Dantes and the Count. It is always a pleasure to see him in his famous role.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. Week, the druggist.

REDUCED PRICES FOR 30 DAYS. Ladies' and Children's Dresses, Cloaks, Wrappers and Capes dyed and dry cleaned. No ripping apart. Lace and chenille and portiers dry cleaned at reduced prices for February, by the leading practical dyers and dry cleaners of Decatur. H. H. Miller & Bro., 145 North Main street.

HALF PRICE ON PLASTERS. West's Drug Store. Allcock's Plasters.....2 for 25c Belladonna Plasters.....2 for 25c Strengthening Plasters.....2 for 25c To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes. Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 25c.

Decatur Tailoring Co., 141 Merchant St.

ANNIVERSARY DAY

Members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Celebrate Their Organization.

EXISTED EIGHTY SEVEN YEARS.

Interesting Exercises Held by Rev. A. W. Hawkins—Luther League Exercises—At Grace Methodist Church.

The members of the Cumberland Presbyterian congregation of this city held exercises Sunday morning in the W. C. T. U. hall to celebrate the eighty-seventh anniversary of the organization of the church. The services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. W. Hawkins. Music was rendered by a chorus choir accompanied by Miss Ethel Ashmore at the organ, two violins and a cornet. The services opened with a prayer and scripture reading by the pastor. Rev. J. H. Hughes then gave a history of the organization of the church. He explained the grounds which caused the Cumberland Presbyterian church to break off from the old church. The new church was formed by Finis Ewing, Samuel King and Samuel McAdoo, three Presbyterian ministers, on Feb. 4, 1810, in Dixon county, Tenn. Mrs. A. W. Hawkins read a paper entitled "1797 to 1897," this being the centennial of revival when the C. P. church was founded. Miss Carrie Henry read a poem entitled "Our Glorious Fourth," referring to the fourth of February as the anniversary of the independence of the church. The pastor, Rev. Hawkins then made an address in which he gave the doctrines of the church and explained the difference between the new and the old Presbyterian churches. The C. P. church has a membership of 200,000 white people and 30,000 colored. The latter have a separate church government and organization. The anniversary services were well attended and the exercises were of great interest to the church members.

Rev. Hawkins and Rev. Hughes will continue with the revival services at the North End Mission at the corner of Broadway and Division street. Services will be held every evening at 7:30 o'clock. The revivals have been quite successful so far. Grace Church Chapter Epworth League. Sunday afternoon at Grace M. E. church, Dr. Gilmore, the pastor, organized Grace Chapter of the Epworth League with seventy members. For the first six months the following officers were selected: Mrs. Edna Gilmore, president; Mr. Herman Vandine, first vice president; Mrs. G. E. Kenney, second vice president; Miss Eva B. Rundle, third vice president; Miss Bertha Kincaid, fourth vice president; Miss Nellie D. Berry, treasurer. These seven with the superintendent of the Junior League, Mr. A. H. Jones, constitute the cabinet. Miss Bertha Gray was appointed organist, and Mrs. Carrie E. Jones assistant. Monday evening was designated as the time for the weekly devotional meeting. The new society starts an era of good will and fellowship that foreshadows great success as a result. There will be many additions to the number of members, and the league will be heard from in many ways in public. The delegated league meeting of Decatur district meets in this church during the year, and will bring hundreds to its annual gathering. Sunday was a red letter day at Grace M. E. mission. The pastor preached a short sermon at 9:30 a. m. and followed with revival services. There were twenty-four conversions at the altar. There were services held at 3 p. m. In the evening Rev. G. A. Kenney preached to a crowded house. There will be revival services each evening this week.

The Lutheran League. At the First Lutheran church last evening services were held to celebrate the third anniversary of the organization of the local society of the Lutheran league. J. B. Oakleaf, the state president, was here from Moline, and made the principal address. The pastor, Rev. F. C. Oberly was in charge of the exercises. Music was rendered by a choir composed of Miss Clara Eaton, Miss Minnie Meyers, Miss Lillie Stonestifer, Miss Lula Deck, Miss Hattie Kemper, Miss Ella Sether, Miss Anna Nae and Arthur and James Spencer. A vocal duet was given by Miss Lula Deck and James Spencer. Mr. Oakleaf spoke of the heritage which had been left by Luther and said that the same principles which he had fought for should be held up and handed down by the present generation. In referring to the Lutheran League he said that it was a society formed for the purpose of bringing the young people of the church more closely together so that they could better understand their work in the church and become acquainted. Mr. Oakleaf's address was quite interesting to the church people present.

At Other Churches. The new pastor, Rev. Marion Storvick, preached Sunday at the Edward street Christian church. At St. John's Episcopal church Sunday morning special music was rendered by the choir. Miss Ella Beesey sang a solo. There were no services at the First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening.

The men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms was not held Sunday afternoon on account of the funeral of R. G. Wells.

Personals.

Mrs. I. J. Davis is seriously ill in Chicago.

Attorney John Fitzgerald spent Sunday with his parents near Bethany.

Miss Ella Gladdie, of Kansas City, is in the city visiting Miss Betha Roach.

Miss Minnie Butler is in Champaign visiting Miss Jessie Porterfield of that city.

H. C. Schaub, city editor of the Review, has gone to California where he will visit his sister for a month.

Taylorville Breeze: Misses Stella and Laura Jenkins will return this evening to their home in Decatur after a visit with Taylorville friends.

Miss Irene Shellabarger, who has been ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shellabarger on North Water street, is improving.

Sales of Real Estate.

John S. Vredenburg to Edward R. Ulrich, the northwest quarter of section 20, 16, 1 west, the north half of the northwest quarter of 20, 16, 1 west; the east half of the south half of the east half of the northwest quarter of 19, all in Sangamon county, also the east half of the southwest quarter of section 31, 16, 1 west in Macon county in all 340 acres, consideration \$1.

Charles M. Ulrich to Edward R. Ulrich, the northeast quarter of 20, 16, 1 west containing 60 acres; the north half of the southeast quarter of 20, 16, 1 west containing 80 acres; the west half of the southwest quarter of 31, 16, 1 west containing 80 acres, and containing in all 320 acres, \$16,250.

F. J. Gepford to Samuel Weaver, the undivided one-seventh interest in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of 31, 17 and the north half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of 21, 17, all in range 2 east, \$660.

Funds Left Over.

The members of the executive committee of the Holiday club wish to announce to the members of the organization that there was an amount of money left over from that which had been paid to the three entertainments this winter. The money when divided among all the members will amount to 8 cents each. The amount due each member will be paid if they will call tomorrow morning at the home of Miss Lillian Croa. If the money is not called for it will be given to the Needlework Guild to assist in carrying on the charity work.

The Contest at Danville.

The Republican primaries for the judicial delegates in Vermilion county were held Saturday, and resulted in the delegates being instructed for Judge Thompson, who defeated Judge Bookwalter. Now the contest in the convention in Decatur on Feb. 24 will be between Judge Vail, Judge Wright, Judge Thompson and Judge Dunn. Only three judges are to be nominated. Vail and Wright will surely win. The name of the third man is in doubt.

Lincoln Memorial Day.

There will be literary and memorial exercises at the G. A. R. Post hall Friday evening, Feb. 12, in memory of Lincoln's birthday anniversary. The Grand Army Post, the W. R. C., the S. of V. and members of the ladies aid society are especially invited to be present. It will be an open meeting. All invited.

Lost.

Somewhere on West William street between North Main and North Pine street on Saturday evening a cut glass vengette with the initials "B. H." engraved upon the top. A reward will be paid for its return to the Republican office.—8-dwt

All About Electricity.

The Y. M. C. A. is pleased to call attention to the lecture on electricity, illustrated by experiments by Prof. Louis Favour. The many practical applications of this force in recent years in connection with ocean cables, electric lights, telephones, motors, electrocution, and innumerable others has aroused a wide-spread interest in this subject. This, with the immense possibilities of electricity in the near future as applied to railroads, transmission of power, aerial navigation, etc., has created a desire on the part of the general public to know something of, and to understand the workings of this mysterious force.

We realize that in order to popularize the subject and hold the attention of the average audience, technicalities and dry details must be avoided and that instruction to a popular audience must be given in an entertaining and evening an amusing manner. This is Prof. Favour's forte, and he is alone in this field.

The elaborate and costly display of electrical apparatus, machinery and working models that he uses was designed by him and constructed especially to attain this happy combination, and the large number of interesting experiments performed at frequent intervals during these lectures sustains the interest and enthusiasm from beginning to end and precludes the possibility of dullness. As an experimenter and manipulator Prof. Favour is unsurpassed.

Opera house Friday night, Feb. 12. Reserved seat plat opens Wednesday morning at opera house pharmacy.—8-8dwt

THE DEATH RECORD.

Miss L. Carrie Close Died This Morning at Her Home in This City.

ANOTHER OLD SETTLER GONE.

Mrs. Catherine Kramer, Who Has Lived in Decatur Over Thirty Years, Passed Away This Morning at the Home of Her Son, A. Kramer.

Miss L. Carrie Close died this morning at 3:35 o'clock at the Griswold residence on West Main street, aged 73 years. She has been an invalid for twenty years and had been confined to her bed for the past six weeks.

Miss Close came from Albion, N. Y., to this city in 1883 and made her home with her sister, the late Mrs. C. L. Griswold. Owing to her poor health she lived a retired life but was well known by many persons in the city and was highly esteemed lady. Since the death of Mr. Griswold she has made her home with her niece, Miss Carrie Griswold. She leaves a brother, J. A. Close of San Jose, Cal., and two sisters, Mrs. L. E. Hitehook of Oconomowoc, Wis., and Mrs. J. H. Parker of Davenport, Iowa. She was a sister of the late Mrs. C. E. Roberts and Mrs. C. L. Griswold.

The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor of the Congregational church, will conduct the services and the remains will be taken to the old home of the deceased at Albion, N. Y. They will be accompanied by C. L. Griswold and Miss Carrie Griswold.

Death of Mrs. Kramer.

Mrs. Catherine Kramer died of the grip at 6:30 a. m. today at her home at the corner of North Main and Cero Gordo streets, aged 98 years. The deceased was one of the old settlers of the city having lived here for the past thirty-three years. She had been in fairly good health but about a week ago she was seized with an attack of the grip and never recovered.

The maiden name of the deceased was Katherine Harmon. She was born in April, 1808, at Lancaster, Ohio, and was later married to George Kramer. She came to this city in 1864 with her husband who died about two years later. She was the mother of four children, three of whom survive her. They are A. Kramer and Isaac Kramer of this city, and George Kramer of Champaign, Ill.

Mrs. Kramer has been a member of the United Brethren church for the past twenty years and has been connected with the local church of that denomination ever since she has lived in this city. She was one of the most prominent members and most faithful workers in the church. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the U. B. church. Rev. L. Fields and Rev. H. H. H. will conduct the services and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK MARKET. New York, Feb. 8.—Butter, steady, creamery, 12 1/2c; Eggs, weak, 12 1/2c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Wheat, May, 81c; Corn, May, 24c; Oats, May, 21c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET. St. Louis, Feb. 8.—Wheat, cash, 84c; May, 85c; Corn, cash 20c; May, 21c; Oats, cash 18c; May, 18c.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by West, Druggist.

Three trains of ice go daily from Havana to St. Louis.

The minstrel show at Champaign for the poor netted \$101.

Fred Hess of Urbana, is to be deputy for county clerk Hurt.

Another effort is to be made to found a G. A. R. memorial hall at Decatur.

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TRAIN HELD UP.

Robbers Board a Santa Fe Train in Arizona and Meet Resistance.

ONE OF THE ROBBERS KILLED.

Mrs. Beecher Nearing the End—Greek Warships Active—Lively Times Expected in Crete—Merchant Tailors Meet.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 8.—The west bound Santa Fe train was held up by robbers last night near Peach Springs, Arizona. After taking a registered package from the mail car, the robbers turned their attention to the express car. Messenger Summers opened fire on them, shooting one robber dead. The other escaped with some registered packages.

Mrs. Beecher Nearing the End. Stamford, Conn., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher is worse. She is still unconscious but it is not believed she will live much longer.

Greek Warships Active. Athens, Feb. 9.—A Greek cruiser has started for Rethimo where the Mussulmans occupy the Christian quarters and are pillaging stores and houses. Three thousand Turkish troops have been concentrated at Salonica in readiness to embark for Crete. But the steam navigation company refuses to transport them until their passage is paid. It is announced that the entire Greek fleet will be made ready for service.

Caused by Greek Agitators. London, Feb. 9.—Private and official advices show the troubles in Crete are caused by the Greek agitators; that Christians were the aggressors. The Greek government believing the end of the Ottoman empire near thinks the time opportune to carry out the long cherished desire to annex Crete. Public officials here and on the continent regard the situation as threatening the peace of whole Europe.

In the event of a collision between Turkey and Greece it is doubtful whether the agreement between the powers could be maintained. Papers are everywhere urging that pressure be put on Greece to prevent her further aggravation of Turkey. It is announced that Turkish warships left Constantinople for Crete and in spite of the advice of his ministers an ambassador the sultan favors the despatch of troops and repressing the trouble by force.

King George's Decree. Athens, Feb. 9.—The official Gazette publishes a royal decree commissioning all the available warships of Greece be put in readiness and ordering the immediate despatch of additional ships to Crete.

Merchant Tailors Exchange Meet. Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 9.—The merchant tailors' exchange met in annual session today. The session was occupied in listening to the officers' annual reports and other routine business. The annual convention of the custom foremen's tailor association also began today. In connection with these conventions there is a public exhibition of garments including McKinley's inaugural suit.

SAYS HIS WIFE IS UNBALANCED.

Peter Bolton, interviewed in Nashville. Tells of His Domestic Affairs. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 9.—The Rev. Dr. Horace W. Bolton of Chicago, pastor of the South Park Avenue Methodist church, has been here for a week. Concerning the newspaper accounts of his departure from Chicago and of his wife's departure to South Bend, Ind., Dr. Bolton said yesterday:

"The matter is a delicate one for me to speak of, but, as these articles have been published, I am compelled to tell the truth. My wife has been mentally unbalanced since the death of our son and has labored under an hallucination that I was too attentive to other women. It was herself who started this talk. Of course she is not responsible for it, and she loves me and has all the confidence in me when she is not depressed by this awful hallucination. She went to South Bend to undergo treatment in a hospital. I came south for my health. My wife, in those spells which she had, was jealous of me, that was all.

"While it is true that I have not resigned my charge in Chicago, I am contemplating doing so."

Dr. Bolton has been in correspondence with Bishop Merrill since going to Nashville and has a letter from him in which the bishop says the board of stewards while not requesting him to do so, think it would be best, owing to the talk, if he would resign the Chicago pastorate.

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